Erring private medical and dental colleges

690. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the existing private medical and dental colleges are not following the existing guidelines and norms to admit the students;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken to redress the erring institutes?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) There have been complaints alleging non-compliance of the orders of the concerned authorities and the Courts by some medical colleges. Necessary steps are being taken to see that these orders are implemented.

More powers to Medical Council of India

691. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Medical Council of India has sought more powers to deal with complaints of medical negligence; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

AIDS tests on NRIs and foreigners

692. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bharatiya Patita Udhar Sabha has filed a public interest litigation in the Supreme Court that Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome tests be conducted in case of NRIs and foreigners;

(b) whether Central Government has taken any stand on this issues; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir. The Bharatiya Patita Udhar Sabha has filed a Public interest petition in the Hon'ble Supreme Court in which the Sabha have prayed Hon'ble Court to direct the Union of India and others to take the blood test for AIDS/HIV virus of each and every resident of India as well as those entering India.

(b) and (c) Government is not in favour of doing mandatory screening of every resident of India. However, guide lines were issued to all States/Union Territories in May, 1992 requiring HIV Free Certificates from WHO approved laboratories from all foreigners/NRI who intend to stay in India for more than a year. The country Diplomats/Priests/Nuns and accredited Journalists are exempted from this requirement;

गुजरात में केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना

693. **श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल** : क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गुजरात के उन जिलों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं जहां सरकार अपने कर्मचारियों और पेंशन भोगियों की सुविधा हेतु सरकारी अस्पतालों में केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना आरम्भ करने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) इस समय कौन-कौन से राज्यों में यह योजना प्रचलित है और इसके अंतर्गत कितने सरकारी कर्मचारियों तथा पेंशन भोगियों के नाम दर्ज हैं;

(ग) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान गुजरात में इस योजना हेतु कितनी

धनराशि निर्धारित की गई है और शेष धनराशि को जिला-वार कब तक जारी कर दिया जाएगा; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बो० शंकरानंद) : (क) राज्य सरकार के अस्पतालों में सी जी एच एस सुविधाएं शुरू करने की कोई योजना नहीं है।

(ख) यह योजना अहमदाबाद में ही चल रही है। सी जी एच एस अहमदाबाद के अन्तर्गत पंजीकृत सरकारी कर्मचारियों और पेंशन भोगियों की संख्या 24312 है।

(ग) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में विशेष रूप से गुजरात के लिए इस योजना हेतु कोई धनराशि नहीं रखी गई है

(घ) यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

AIDS situation in India

694. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the problem of AIDS at present is alarming in our country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) No, Sir. With better detection facilities and increased awareness, increasing number of AIDS cases are being detected from all over the country. The reported number of HIV positive cases during 1990 was 3478 while it is 13,377 as on 30.11.93. In terms of period prevalence rate, the figure has risen from 5.2 per thousand cases tested in 1990 to 11.2 in 1992.

(c) A comprehensive national programme for the prevention and control of AIDS is currently under implementation throughout the country. The strategies consist of generation of awareness among risk-behaviour groups and other people, control of STD, blood safety and rational use of blood and better facilities for surveillance, diagnosis and management of HIV/AIDS cases. The total cost of the Project is estimated at Rs. 222.6 crores.

C.G.H.S. Unani dispensary at Bangalore

695. SHRI ABDUL SAMAD SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3664 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th March, 1993 and state:

(a) whether Government have since allotted funds for opening of C.G.H.S. dispensary at Bangalore; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to open a C.G.H.S. Unani dispesnary/Unit elsewhere other than Bangalore city?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) There is a provision in the annual plan to open a Unani unit in Delhi during the current year. It is also proposed to open a similar unit in Bangalore during the current year.

Opening of CGHS unani dispensary at Bangalore

696. SHRI ABDUL SAMAD SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has asked the Additional